(b) During his talks with the President of Pakistan in Agra on 15.7.2001, the Prime Minister of India proposed that a group of experts of both countries be constituted to recommend measures to increase bilateral trade and economic and technical interaction between the two countries.

Software Technology Parks

† *456. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to promote Information Technology Industry, Software Technology Parks are being established in different States;

(b) if so, the States and cities where such parks have been established till March, 2001, together with the number thereof; and

(c) the amount spent by Government on their establishment and the State Governments' contribution therein?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till March, 2001, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous Society under the Ministry of Information Technology has set up 19 Centres all over India. A list of States and Cities where these Centres have been established till March, 2001 is given in the statement *(See* below).

(c) STPI has spent an amount of Rs. 78.85 Crores, received as Grant-in-aid from the Government, on the establishment of these STPI Centres. The State Governments' contribution has been to the tune of Rs. 6.75 Crores.

Statement

STPI has set up 19 centres including 18 International Gateways all over India

SN	STPI Centres	States
1	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
2	Bangalore	Karnataka
3	Calcutta	West Bengal
4	Chennai	Tamil Nadu

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SN	STPI Centres	States
5	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
6	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
7	Guwahati	Assam
8	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
9	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
10	Jaipur	Rajasthan
11	Mohali	Punjab
12	Mysore	Karnataka
13	Manipal	Karnataka
14	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
15	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
16	Pune	Maharashtra
17	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
18	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
19	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh

Exploitation of Child Labourers

† *457. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by the International Labour Organisation on exploitation of child labourers;

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto and the facts thereof; and

(c) Government's views with regard to India's participation in the International Child Labour Abolition Programme alongwith the details of the schemes sponsored?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) ILO has been raising the issue of the need to progressively eliminate child labour the world over, giving priority to its worst forms.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a sequential approach

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